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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Janet Lieberg. I am a proponent of SB2. I am a Registered Dental Hygienist and have practiced Dental Hygiene as a health care professional for 33 years.

Recent scientific research shows the systemic link of oral health to total body health. Basically, if we have a healthy mouth- we have a healthy body.

Knowing that the Center for Disease Control has announced that PREVENTABLE dental disease in children has risen for the first time in decades, and that Montana scored a D on the PEW study "think tank" on dental health and access to care for children, how can we deny our children the placement of preventive dental sealants?

The American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs has reported that dental Hygienists are qualified to make visual assessment of teeth, and Dentists do not need to be on site before the placement of sealants. Sealants are simple, safe, and at no cost to the state.

I ask that you please vote for SB2, and provide Montana a sealant program just as 39 other states have done. This bill can make the commitment to PREVENTION of dental disease and provide the CHANGE that is needed to improve the dental health for the children of Montana.

Thank you for your time.



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